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Renovation of Apollo high-altitude chamber completed for ISS use



Lewis Research Center renamed to honor John Glenn

A ribbon-cutting is planned on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 2:30 p.m. to rededicate an altitude chamber in the Operations and Checkout Building high bay to perform leak testing of International Space Station pressurized modules. Originally built for the Apollo program, two chambers accommodated the three-man Apollo capsule. After pumps evacuated the air from the chambers, the Apollo modules were checked out in a near vacuum. Two airlocks provided access to each chamber. They also housed the rescue teams should a loss of oxygen occur in the spacecraft. After testing, the mated command module, the lunar excursion module and the service module were moved to the Vehicle Assembly Building in a vertical attitude, ready for stacking on top of the launch vehicle.

As of March 1, 1999, Lewis Research Center will be renamed John Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field. In addition to the name change, a change of network domain will begin at that time -- the lerc.nasa.gov domain will become grc.nasa.gov. This is taking place in a phased approach which has begun already, and Lewis/Glenn servers and services will be reachable via either domain -- both domains will resolve to the existing IP address spaces. The duration of this dual domain mode of operation has not yet been defined, but anyone who has the site as a bookmark might want to make the change as of March 1.



- ◆ Love Your Heart: KSC Fitness Centers are presenting a lunch-time program at noon, Feb. 26, in room 1159, Operations and Checkout Building. Learn how to prevent or reverse the effects of heart disease, and how to identify its indicators. Please call 867-7829 to reserve a space.
- ♦ The NASA College Scholarship Fund, Inc. is offering six \$2,000 scholarships for dependents of NASA employees and retirees. Current NASA employees (including co-op students) are not eligible. Qualified applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate science or engineering degree at an accredited college or university in the United States. Completed applications for the 1999-2000 school year must be received by the scholarship committee before March 31, 1999. For applications, please call Diane Holden at 867-0510, or send an e-mail to diane.holden-1@ksc.nasa.gov.
- ◆ Make a Note: The CCAS vehicle fueling station will be closed the third weekend of every month from 8 p.m. on Saturday to 8 a.m. on Sunday to conduct environmental testing.
- ◆ **Did You Know?** Electronic images of the NASA logo ("worm") and insignia ("meatball") should be removed from computer systems to avoid misuse, which adversely reflects the professional image of NASA. Only the printed NASA letterhead stationery should be used for correspondence.